

HALF LINDSLEY'S JOB CUT OFF.

McADOO TAKES POLICE SUPPLIES UNDER HIS OWN WING.

Romantic Rumor Officially Denied and Resignation Story Discarded—Children's Rough Experiences at Trials—Freaks of Cross-Examination.

Deputy Police Commissioner Harris Lindley was removed yesterday by Commissioner McAdoo from his job as head of the bureau of repairs and supplies of the department. There have been numerous events of late which have indicated the degree of Mr. Lindley's popularity with the administrative forces in the department. When Mr. McAdoo took under his personal charge the bureau of repairs and supplies yesterday, the gossip of Mulberry street came to the conclusion that these various events were significant.

There have been persistent rumors among the men of the department that Mr. Lindley was about to become a member of the Commissioner's family. This was authoritatively denied yesterday.

There were rumors yesterday that Mr. Lindley's feelings were so much hurt by Mr. McAdoo's attitude toward him that he contemplated resignation. Those who know Mr. Lindley well said yesterday that he did not think this probable.

Mr. Lindley has been in charge of the trials of policemen at 300 Mulberry street ever since he succeeded John E. Cowan. During his incumbency a great deal of complaint has come to the Commissioner regarding the attitude of Mr. Lindley toward citizens who have appeared as complainants or as witnesses against policemen. Some of those who have gone to Police Headquarters as witnesses or complainants have said that they found themselves treated more like criminals than accusers. Mr. Lindley has explained that his attitude toward citizens was that of a military man toward civilians.

The bureau of repairs and supplies has charge of all the construction work in the Police Department. When Theodore Roosevelt was a Police Commissioner he put Sgt. Thomas O'Brien in charge of the bureau. With a brief intermission O'Brien has been there ever since until the arrival of Lindley. Lindley found that O'Brien knew much more of the detail and general work of the bureau than any military lawyer could expect to learn in many a day. O'Brien is a mechanic and a builder by training.

O'Brien was relegated to a subordinate position and Roundman Bergmann was put in his place. But O'Brien was too valuable a man to be let out of the bureau altogether, and he has been superintending the putting up of the traffic bureau station at Fifth avenue and Twenty-seventh street. He will have charge of the building of the stables attached to the Leonard street station.

The first sign of an unsettled state of affairs in the office of the Third Deputy Commissioner came when Mr. McAdoo announced two weeks ago that Mr. Bannan, who was Mr. Cowan's secretary, and later became secretary to Mr. Lindley, would be succeeded on March 1 by Mr. Stettin, who has been assistant secretary to the Commissioner.

The dropping of Mr. Bannan was explained as due to Mr. Bannan's desire to resume the practice of the law. But it was known that Mr. Lindley was not gratified by the change. Mr. McAdoo's step of yesterday in taking under his own charge the bureau of repairs and supplies was predicted by close students of events in the Police Department at the time when the superseding of Mr. Bannan was announced.

Mr. McAdoo said yesterday in announcing the change that he had been studying for several weeks to reduce the cost of the repairs and supplies bureau. He went on:

"I have thought all along that the business end of this department could be improved. As is shown by the order issued to-day, all items for supplies, alterations and repairs shall be held up hereafter until they aggregate \$1,000. Then they are to be advertised and given to the lowest bidder. I think that we can get better competition and lower prices by that method than by letting jobs out in amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100."

"The change is made in order to secure for the department, first, a limit upon the number of repair jobs undertaken; second, the use of good judgment as to the quantity and the quality of the material required; third, an equitable distribution of the property of the department; fourth, a minimization of the possibility of fraud or favoritism; fifth, a fair and equitable competition for contracts and a consequent certainty of obtaining honest market prices; sixth, a certainty of the enforcement of all contracts made, and, seventh, shaping of the bureau of repairs and supplies upon lines strictly in harmony with principles of good government and sound business."

"Is this change contrary to any charges against Mr. Lindley?" the Commissioner was asked. "I have not the slightest charge to make," said Mr. McAdoo, "against the integrity of Commissioner Lindley. These changes are made as a result of my experience in the Navy Department."

It is understood that Mr. Lindley will be permitted to continue in charge of the trials at headquarters for a while. He came from the office of Davies, Stone & Auerbach. His firm was the most enthusiastic in the city that was back of him in the effort to get him into the Police Department.

The quality of some of his examinations of citizens in police trials is shown by extracts from the examination of one Samuel Gardner, who was arrested for standing in front of the Fifth street station on Sept. 27. Gardner lives at 17 Suffolk street. He was severely examined by Mr. Lindley as to the exact nature of his employment, his age, the number of members of his family, and after at least fifty questions came the following discourse:

Q. What did you do when this man told you to move on? A. Yes, I moved on. He came up and called me a Sheeny — and gave it to me in the neck several times. Q. How many people were there? A. I don't know.

Q. How many people were there? A. Fifteen or twenty, or maybe about a dozen. Q. How fast did you walk away? A. Just like that. [Illustrating.]

Q. What kind of a place was that you were in? A. It was a saloon. Q. What kind of a place was that you were in? A. It was a saloon.

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EX-SENATOR WOLCOTT DEAD

AT MONTE CARLO, OF GOUT, COMPLICATED BY GRIP.

A Marked Figure in Politics Both in Colorado and at Washington—Man Not Afraid of a Poker Story—His Gold Speech of 1900—Had Long Been Ill.

DENVER, March 1.—Former Senator Edward O. Wolcott died to-day at Monte Carlo. The information came to his sister here to-day in a laconic telegram announcing merely the fact. Miss Wolcott, who is at the head of a famous school for girls here, was unable to say what caused her brother's death, but a telegram to his law partners said influenza complicated with gout was the cause.

Mr. Wolcott had been a sufferer from gout for several years and when he was last in Colorado, just before the close of the Presidential campaign, he complained of suffering much from it. He made one speech here the first week in November and announced his intention of going to Carlsbad for treatment. He went from here to Salt Lake and thence to Europe.

Mr. Wolcott was 59 years old on Jan. 26 last. He was heavily interested in mines, smelters and railroads, and leaves a fortune estimated at from four to five million dollars. He had no children, and was divorced several years ago.

Senator Wolcott was born in Longmeadow, Mass., in 1845. He served for a few months in the 68th Ohio Volunteers in 1864, and two years later entered Yale College, but was not graduated. He was graduated from the Harvard law school in 1877, and then went to Colorado, from which State he was twice elected to the United States Senate, in 1889 and in 1895.

When he was elected in 1889 he succeeded Thomas M. Bowen, whose fame as a poker player was international. It was said also, while Mr. Wolcott was making his campaign, that he owed to some extent his popularity in Colorado to the fact that he had lost \$22,000 at faro while playing in a well known clubhouse. The result of the publication of this report was that Senator Wolcott was talked of from one end of Colorado to the other as a "dead game sport."

His political advisers were fearful that the gambling episode might hurt his chances and urged him to deny it. He smiled at their fears and said, "What business is it but mine? I am an unmarried man, and there is no one but myself upon whom any disgrace can fall. While it is true that I lost a large sum of money at faro, I had won the money the previous afternoon at the races."

From the time he became prominent in Colorado politics Senator Wolcott was always a law and a party unto himself. He was particularly audacious in the methods he employed to bring about the success of his plans, and it is said of him that he never supported any ticket or candidate that did not suit his personal ideas.

In 1884 he was accused of having voted for Cleveland against Blaine, but in 1889 the Republican party elected him to the United States Senate and in 1892 he made the nominating speech for Blaine in the Minnesota convention. Again his political career was shown in the session of 1900, when he made a strong speech in favor of the gold standard currency bill. The speech was especially significant because Mr. Wolcott was a prominent silver man from a silver State. In that address he predicted that a united and genuine effort to obtain international bimetalism would in time be made with the cooperation of the Republican party.

When Mr. Wolcott's second term expired Colorado returned a Silver Democrat in his place, Theodore M. Patterson. Senator Wolcott married, in 1890, the widow of Representative Lyman K. Bass of Buffalo. She was a daughter of Mrs. E. M. Metcalf. She got a divorce from him in Denver in March, 1900, on the ground of incompatibility of temper.

VALUABLE MAIL BURNED. Car on the Baltimore and Ohio Destroyed—Registered Letters and Gold in Fire.

CUMBERLAND, Md., March 1.—A United States mail car on the Baltimore and Ohio was burned to the trucks at Hyndman, fourteen miles north-west of Cumberland, early this morning. The car was attached to the through Pittsburgh passenger train, No. 9, one of the fastest on the road.

With the car was burned 17,000 pounds of mail matter, including registered letters and packages, and many of the personal effects of Mail Clerks J. G. Myder, Point of Rocks, Md., and M. M. Free of Baltimore. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in national bank notes, unsigned, and a quantity of gold and silver bullion and \$2,000 in checks of the Citizens' National Bank, Cumberland, were also burned.

An armed guard is posted at the ruins of the car to protect the melted metal. It is thought that the fire started from a hot box. The train was stopped at Cook's Mills, and the blazing car detached. A record run was made to Hyndman and the car, backed under a penstock and deluged with water, but could not be saved.

There were nineteen pieces of registered mail from Cumberland in the car, also a quantity of registered matter from New York and Philadelphia. The bank notes kept accurate record, can be re-issued. The extent of the loss, while heavy, will never be known, it being impossible to estimate the contents of the 1,500 registered letters.

ALL VILLAGES WOMEN ARRESTED. Spanish Prosecutor Accuses 159 of Them of Sedition and Robbery.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. MADRID, March 1.—One hundred and fifty-nine women residing at Villacanas have been arraigned for sedition and robbery. The public prosecutor demands that each of them be sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

If the prisoners are convicted the village will be virtually without women, as the accused comprise almost all the females living there.

Latest Marine Intelligence. Arrived: St. Antonio, Glasgow, Feb. 18.

OLD POINT COMFORT AND VIRGINIA. Pennsylvania Railroad six-day tour to Old Point Comfort, Richmond and Washington, March 11. Delicate dining. Rate \$20.00 from New York. Old Point Comfort only, \$17.00.—A. D.

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FAIL TO FORCE CHEAP GAS BILL.

Caucus of Republican Senators Adjourns Without Action.

ALBANY, March 1.—Gov. Higgins has been laboring strenuously for the last two days with the Republican Senators who are not inclined to favor the plan of the Odell followers to force an 80 cent gas bill through the Legislature. A caucus of Republican Senators was held to-night, ostensibly to consider party questions before the Legislature, including additional indirect taxation schemes, but in reality for the purpose of testing the temper of the Senators upon a cheap gas bill for New York.

The caucus convened at 8:30 o'clock, and was in session until late. The general opinion all day was that the Odell triumvirate would find it a hard matter to muster a majority of the Republican Senators in favor of a cheap gas bill applying to New York city only, in view of the rates which prevail in the other cities and suburban localities in the State.

Several up-State Senators argued that their districts were more entitled to relief than New York city and that a cheap gas law should be general, applying to all cities of the State.

At the outset the caucus was confronted with the information that Charles F. Murphy, as the leader of Tammany Hall, had sent the following telegram to every Tammany Senator:

"I think the Fitzgerald gas bill a very meritorious measure. Every Democrat should support it."

The Fitzgerald bill calls for a flat 75 cent gas rate in New York city.

All of the 30 Republican Senators were present except Senator Brackett. The meeting was in the nature of a preliminary conference, but if the New York city cheap gas proposition had been put to a vote to-night it would have been defeated.

The schemes to tax transfers of stock and to establish an annual flat tax rate on mortgages of five mills were also discussed, but it was the opinion that no caucus action on these measures should be taken until the committee in charge had concluded the hearings.

3 MONTHS FOR MAN WITH GUN. First Sentence Under the New Ordinance—Sulist Carrier Held.

Michael Villano, an Italian laborer of 104 East Houston street, was arraigned in the Yorkville police court yesterday on a complaint of violating the new ordinance which imposes a penalty of \$250 fine or six months imprisonment, or both, for carrying firearms without a permit. The case was the first of the kind.

Detective Butler of the Fifth street station produced a fully loaded .38 calibre revolver which he declared he found in the man's pocket. Villano was standing at the bar of a saloon in First street.

"I propose to show that this law is going to stop men from carrying pistols," said Magistrate Moss. "I hope that the Italian newspapers will publish the disposition of this case so that it may induce the men of that nationality to leave their weapons at home when they go upon the streets."

He then sentenced Villano to three months in the penitentiary.

It seems that the ordinance specifically says that carrying a concealed firearm is a "minor offense" as distinguished from a misdemeanor which would entitle the prisoner to a trial in Special Sessions or before a jury so that although the minor offense is so heavily punishable the penalty may be imposed in the police court.

Joseph Compton, an Italian of 432 East Eleventh street, was charged by Detective Wasserman of the Fifth street station with having a dagger with a blade seven inches long in his possession while in a saloon.

The charge is a felony under the Penal Code, with a penalty on conviction of five years imprisonment. The prisoner was held in \$1,000 bail for trial.

COACHMAN ROBBED OF \$4,680. Assaulted and All His Savings Taken—Gold Brick Men Suspected.

Hudson, N. Y., March 1.—Patrick Colwell, coachman for Mrs. Fanny Harder, widow of Charles Harder of Philmont, a prominent knitting mill man, was assaulted and robbed of \$4,680 early this morning.

He was discovered unconscious on the back floor under the feet of his horses by Walter Rivers and has partly revived, but not enough to give any detailed account of what happened. Two men came at him with a brick, he says, and he attempted to defend himself.

Colwell drove to Hudson early in the afternoon and drew the money from the Farmers' National Bank. It was all he had, and included a bequest of \$1,000 made by his employer.

The paying teller advised him to take a certificate of deposit, but he insisted on the money, and received it in forty-six \$100 bills and four twenties.

None of his friends knew of his intention to draw the money, and it is believed he had been dealing with some gold brick men and discovering they were fakers, had refused to pay over his money. Then they assaulted and robbed him.

Colwell will recover, but is still in a dazed condition and unable to give any detailed account. He says two men hit him with bricks and knocked him down. One he describes as short with a light mustache. The other he can't describe.

NORWEGIAN CABINET RESIGNS. Resents Message From Prince Regent Regarding Union With Sweden.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. CHRISTIANIA, March 1.—The international crisis, which caused the resignation to-day of the Norwegian Ministry, headed by Prof. Hagerup, was induced by a message sent by the Prince Regent to the committee of the Storting which is considering the relations between Norway and Sweden. The message contained the following:

"To the critical days I feel it necessary to urge the members of the committee to keep the welfare of Norway, and that only, ever before their eyes. That depends, in my opinion, upon union with Sweden. I therefore lay upon you the strongest injunction not to take any action which may lead to a rupture between the two countries."

The Prince Regent pointed out that the Crown never opposed Norway having a separate consular service on condition that the foreign policy be so directed as to maintain the union. He called attention to the great danger involved in a disruption of the union, and advised that negotiations with Sweden on broader lines than hitherto be adopted.

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BATTILING AT PUTILOFF HILL.

JAPANESE OPEN TERRIFIC FIRE ON RUSSIAN POSITION.

Artillery Engaged Along a Front of Eight Miles—Japanese Win All Night Battle Near the Sha River Bridge—Sixty Russian Dead in the Trenches.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, March 1.—A despatch from Sachetun, Manchuria, says that the Japanese opened fire on Putiloff (Lone Tree) Hill with siege howitzers this afternoon. The hill soon presented the appearance of an erupting volcano, being nearly hidden in clouds of dust and smoke. The artillery was busy along the whole front, a distance of eight miles.

The Russians repulsed the Japanese near Kondays and also drove them out of the Tunsial and Gontau passes.

Furious fighting continues in the neighborhood of the Sha River bridge. A small wood there changed hands repeatedly, but is now definitely in possession of the Japanese.

It is rumored that a division of the extreme Japanese right is marching northward.

TOKIO, March 1.—A despatch from Japanese headquarters states that a severe fight has occurred in the neighborhood of the Sha River bridge. The Russians charged into the Japanese trenches. After an all night struggle the Russians were driven out in the morning. They left sixty dead and a number of prisoners.

The Asahi states that the Russians, when driven out of Tsinkhechen, retired to Kiupingtal, a strongly fortified camp on the main Russian left.

An independent detachment of Cossacks and infantry, with a few guns, is reconnoitering southeast of Kiupingtal, seeking to outflank the extreme Japanese right.

Press despatches state that Russian detachments of a dozen companies each attacked at several points along the front on Sunday and Monday.

The Japanese on Monday shelled the Russian front. The reply was spiritless. It is uncertain whether this was due to the fact that they are short of heavy ammunition or whether their guns were outranged.

Putiloff Hill was formerly known as Lone Tree Hill. During the campaign in October last the Russians captured it after desperate fighting. Gen. Kuropatkin witnessed the final assault by the Second Siberian Rifles, and renamed the hill in honor of the man who led those troops.

MAY RECALL KUROPATKIN. Council of War Will Be Held to Consider the Question.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 2.—The Times says that a council of war will be held at St. Petersburg about March 5 to decide whether Gen. Kuropatkin shall be recalled, and if so, who his successor shall be. Gen. Dragomiroff is mentioned for the position, as well as Grand Duke Nicholas. Gen. Dragomiroff is now ill, but it is hoped that he will recover in time to attend the council.

The Times denies that the Czar received Gen. Gripenberg coolly. It says that on the contrary he received him with great kindness and consideration.

PEACE MUST BE PERMANENT. Japanese Do Not Desire Arrangement That Will Prove Only an Armistice.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. TOKIO, March 1.—At a conference of the Japanese Constitutional party, said that Japan did not desire a peace that would be in the nature of an armistice only. The realization of the final object of the war would be more advisable, though the end was still remote and the burdens of the nation were increasing.

A united nation was necessary during the war, and would be especially necessary afterward.

NO TRAINS TO MANCHURIA. Strikers Have Tied Up Traffic for the Last Nine Days.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, March 1.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Aurora says that in consequence of the strikes and damage to railway lines no trains have left for Manchuria for nine days. There are 25,000 men on strike in the Donetz coal basin.

As a rule they are orderly. At Lugansk strikers seized a dynamite train. Many Japanese have signed a promise not to assist the troops in the event of disorders. Hitherto they have exercised semi-police functions.

It is stated that the police of St. Petersburg, Moscow and Kiev have arranged mutually to proclaim a strike when the strike on the railways has reached its height.

Fifty persons were killed in the suppression of the Jewish demonstrations in Thessalonica, in the Crimea, on Feb. 29.

Japanese Domestic Loan a Success. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

TOKIO, March 1.—The success of the Japanese fourth domestic loan of 100,000,000 yen, is assured. Japanese bankers are ready to take 60,000,000 yen of it, and the imperial household, five corporations and some private individuals will take the rest.

MILNERS' SUCCESSOR. Lord Selborne to Be High Commissioner of South Africa.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 1.—It was announced officially to-day that the Earl of Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty in the Balfour Ministry, will succeed Lord Milner as High Commissioner of South Africa and Governor of the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies.

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VANDERBILT IN A WRECK.

George W. A Passenger on a Train, the Pullman Cars of Which Are Derailed.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 1.—The Washington and Southwestern limited train, the Southern's fast train between New Orleans and New York, met with an accident at Rockfish, two miles south of Charlottesville, to-day. The two rear Pullmans jumped the track while the train was going at a high rate of speed, just before reaching the high bridge across Rockfish River. The derailed cars broke loose from the remainder of the train.

Of the four persons injured two are from Brooklyn—Mrs. R. C. Robinson of 90 Monroe street and her son, J. W. Ricks, formerly a resident of Greensboro, N. C. Mr. Ricks, who is suffering from tuberculosis, was being taken to his former home for treatment. His hip was injured and it is feared that the shock occasioned by the wreck may prove fatal. His mother had two ribs broken.

The passenger list was very large and included a number of New York and Brooklyn residents. George W. Vanderbilt was also a passenger on the train.

HELD UP BY GIRL HIGHWAYMAN. Jew Pedler Robbed of His Belongings by a Woman in the Coal Regions.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 1.—A girl highwayman, believed to be the daughter of a miner, held up two men at different times today on the road from Minersville to Lytle Colliery. One of her victims was Isaac Wentfall, a Jew pedler, who says he was robbed of \$250 in jewelry.

Wentfall was on his way to one of the mining villages when the girl came out of a clearing about twenty yards behind him. Wentfall was ordered to stop, but paid no attention, and a bullet pierced his hat. Thoroughly frightened, he became an easy victim and surrendered all his belongings, consisting of brooches, rings, and lockets.

John Vallowitch, a workman, was also persuaded, a half hour later, by a pistol which the girl pointed at his head, to hand over a silver watch. The girl, who is about 20 years old, held up two men a week ago and compelled them to hand over their change amounting to about \$7, but as the men were known to be drunk their story was not credited at the time.

NOT THE MAN, BUT LOCKED UP. Woman Picks Passerby as Errant Sponser—Then Says He Isn't.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beetha of 304 East Ninety-sixth street got a warrant for the arrest of her husband, William, whom she hadn't seen for some time, yesterday morning from Magistrate Breen in the Harlem police court. Then she got a patrolman of the East 10th street station to watch with her at the corner of Third avenue and Ninety-sixth street, hoping that William would come along.

About 10 o'clock William Bola of 179 East Ninety-sixth street, with his wife, walked by the woman and the policeman. "That's him," said Mrs. Beetha. "Arrest the wretch."

Kelly, the policeman, told Bola he was under arrest. Bola protested, and so did his wife, but Kelly took them to the station house. Mrs. Beetha changed her mind in a good light.

"I ain't no sponser, after all," said she. "I guess I have made a mistake. Let him go." The sergeant said he was willing enough, but he couldn't. Bola had been arrested on a warrant as the deserting husband and would have to stay arrested: there was no way out of it. Bola was locked up, inarticulate with rage, while Mrs. Bola and Mrs. Beetha spoke unsweetly one to the other.

After Bola had been locked up for a while, the sergeant and Policeman Kelly put their heads together. Then Kelly hustled out and got a bondsman for Bola. The bail was \$500.

MORE LAND FRAUD CASES. Report That the Prosecutors Will Work in New States.

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